

# *Sports News Roundup May 05*

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## **Sports Club of Prado in Cienfuegos Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary**

The *Sports Club of Prado* in Cienfuegos city, the oldest in the country, celebrates its 75th anniversary of its foundation today full of local fans and supporters of the national passion --baseball. Alfredo Rodríguez Yera, president of the association, said to *Prensa Latina News Agency* that the club was originally created by a group of local baseball players who worked for and represented a small local shop called *Estany House*.

However, he added, the *Sports Club* changed its name to *Cienfuegos Club* in the 40's and took a room, a sort of sports promenade space, within the *Paseo del Prado* in the very center of the city where fans and people in general would gather while discussing and commenting on the baseball games and figures of the moment, and even showing those results on a big board at the Club.

The sports executive added that the *Sports Club of Prado* in Cienfuegos has 120 associates, covering 20 founding-members, whose daily task also includes the cooperation among all its membership and fans, many of them young people, to visit and help the families of the sick.

On the topic, Jorge Echevarría Sánchez, also member of the local Executive Board, said that these *Sports Clubs* are true socio-cultural entities open to debate and tradition, and there are only 3 of these emblematic *Sports Clubs* in Cuba: one at the Plaza de Marte in Santiago de Cuba, another in Parque Central, in Havana, and the last one in Cienfuegos.

## Architect Plans Underwater Tennis Complex in Dubai

The concept designs of underwater hotels or residential villas have been floated in Dubai and now, a Poland-based architecture firm, has served up an ace with plans for an underwater tennis complex in the Emirate.

Polish architect Krzysztof Kotala of *8+8 Concept Studio*, the promoter of the concept, is scouting for big time money (investors), building his case based on the “economic gains for Dubai if it is built here”.

Large investment brings economic gains in the construction sector and such a project will also bring marketing profits and drive tourism,” he told *Emirates 24-7* daily.

Besides the Emirate, he says, Qatar and Japan could also be ideal locations for building such a stadium.

Dubai is the host for *World Expo 2020*, which is expected to bring 25 million visitors to the country, while Qatar will hold the *FIFA World Cup 2022*.

Kotala says the underwater tennis complex is an innovative approach to sports facilities. The complex, which consists of seven arenas, serves as a sports, recreation and exhibition center.

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